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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HAMAMOTO ET AL.

Examiner

Tien Dinh

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/31/03.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-12, 16 and 17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 13-15, 18 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of species A in Paper No. 5 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claims 9-12, 16, and 17 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in Paper No. 5.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Fox.

Fox discloses a flying body having a wing portion that flutters, driving portion to move the wing portion up and down, main body, and a time average for the series of down and up strokes of the wing to allow the flying body to fly. In the up stroke, the volume is less than the volume of the down stroke. Fox's flying system can be flow outdoors. The wing portion has a

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wing shaft that supports the wing portion and allows the wing portion to be connected to the body. Please note that when the wing portion is in its up and down stroke positions, the torsion angle is changed so that the aircraft can fly. Therefore, the torsion angle in the down stroke is different from that of the torsion angle in the up stroke. The driving portion changes with time said torsion angle.

Re claim 3, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to have made the flying machine of fox small enough so that it can be flown indoors.

Claims 13-15, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fox in view of Berejik et al.

Fox discloses all claimed parts except for the memory portion, communication system, target manner of movement is realized by time-sequentially combining basic operations in accordance with basic operations pattern data, and storing means for storing combination of basic operations pattern data and driving manner data related to the manner of driving the driving portion realizing the basic operation pattern data. However, Berejik et al discloses the memory portion, communication system, target manner of movement is realized by time-sequentially combining basic operations in accordance with basic operations pattern data, and storing means for storing combination of basic operations pattern data and driving manner data related to the manner of driving the driving portion realizing the basic operation pattern data are well known in the art (please see the figures and specification).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have used the memory portion, communication system, target manner of movement is realized

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by time-sequentially combining basic operations in accordance with basic operations pattern data, and storing means for storing combination of basic operations pattern data and driving manner data related to the manner of driving the driving portion realizing the basic operation pattern data in Fox's system as taught by Berejik et al to allow the aircraft to fly efficiently and as desired.

Re claim 13, please note that environmental condition data such as temperature sensors, cameras, altitude sensors are notoriously well known in the art.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Tanaka, McIngvale, and Heyche et al teach control systems in aircrafts.

Gray, Remo Corp, Van Ruymbeke, Reckweg, and Kim et al teach flapping wings systems.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 8 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tien Dinh whose telephone number is 703-308-2789. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-6.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Jordan can be reached on 703-306-4159. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-306-4195 for regular communications and 703-306-4195 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-4195.

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